



State of Arizona
Department of Education
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Academic Achievement Division
Highly Qualified Professionals Unit
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Dear HR Directors and HR Assistant Superintendents:

The Arizona Department of Education is offering a Two-Semester Teaching Intern Program. This two-semester internship is available only to eligible emergency-certified teachers transitioning to an intern certificate for the 2009-2010 SY. To determine eligibility for participation in this program, the candidate must meet all requirements identified in Tier One and Tier Two of the "Determination of Eligibility Matrix" (see attachment). Prior to issuance of the Intern Certificate, the candidate must also meet Tier Three Requirements identified on the matrix.

Please forward this email to emergency certified teachers currently employed by your LEA that you believe may be eligible for participation in the Two-Semester Teaching Intern Program. For additional information regarding the process or candidate eligibility, please contact:

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A current listing of institutions of higher education participating in the Two-Semester Teaching Intern Program is attached.

Additionally, the Arizona Department of Education is partnering with Rio Salado College and Pima Community College to encourage highly qualified and appropriately certified general education teachers to transfer into special education through an alternative pathway to certification. LEAs may use Title II-A funds to provide incentives to these general education teachers willing to transition into special education. For additional information about these programs, please contact:

Pima Community College

(520) 206-6582 – Jan Findley
Special Education (Cross-categorical and LD)

Rio Salado College

(480) 517-8263 – Jennifer Gresko
Special Education (Cross-categorical, LD, ED, and MR)

Transition to Teaching funds may be available to intern candidates in Navajo, Apache, Santa Cruz, and Yuma counties.

Sincerely,

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